

PEABODY ENERGY CORP  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
JAMES WILLIAM E

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ROCKPORT CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC, 160 FEDERAL STREET, 18TH FLOOR

(Street)

BOSTON, MA 02110-1776

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
PEABODY ENERGY CORP [BTU]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/19/2007

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	11/19/2007		M	28,082	A \$ 3.3001	29,943	D
Common Stock	11/19/2007		S	246	D \$ 50.13	29,697	D
Common Stock	11/19/2007		S	400	D \$ 50.14	29,297	D
Common Stock	11/19/2007		S	400	D \$ 50.15	28,897	D
Common Stock	11/19/2007		S	600	D \$ 50.17	28,297	D

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Common Stock	11/19/2007	S	1,500	D	\$ 50.18	26,797	D	
Common Stock	11/19/2007	S	1,700	D	\$ 50.19	25,097	D	
Common Stock	11/19/2007	S	2,800	D	\$ 50.2	22,297	D	
Common Stock	11/19/2007	S	1,700	D	\$ 50.21	20,597	D	
Common Stock	11/19/2007	S	1,700	D	\$ 50.22	18,897	D	
Common Stock	11/19/2007	S	400	D	\$ 50.23	18,497	D	
Common Stock	11/19/2007	S	200	D	\$ 50.24	18,297	D	
Common Stock	11/19/2007	S	100	D	\$ 50.27	18,197	D	
Common Stock	11/19/2007	S	500	D	\$ 50.28	17,697	D	
Common Stock	11/19/2007	S	500	D	\$ 50.29	17,197	D	
Common Stock	11/19/2007	S	800	D	\$ 50.3	16,397	D	
Common Stock	11/19/2007	S	154	D	\$ 50.31	16,243	D	
Common Stock	11/19/2007	S	300	D	\$ 50.33	15,943	D	
Common Stock	11/19/2007	S	14,082	D	\$ 51.5	1,861	D	
Common Stock						7,520	I	By Trust

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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Derivative Security	Code	V	or Disposed of (D)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
			(A)	(D)				
Employee Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 3.3001			11/19/2007	M	28,082	11/19/2007 05/19/2008	Common Stock 28,082

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JAMES WILLIAM E C/O ROCKPORT CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC 160 FEDERAL STREET, 18TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02110-1776	X			

## Signatures

William E. James By: Bryan L. Sutter,  
Attorney-in-Fact

11/20/2007

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person
Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
  - \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- On October 31, 2007, Peabody Energy Corporation distributed, as a pro rata stock dividend, all of the shares of its wholly-owned subsidiary, Patriot Coal Corporation, to holders of record of Peabody Energy common stock as of the close of business on October 22, 2007 (the "spin-off"). Effective upon completion of the spin-off, the Compensation Committee of the board of directors of Peabody
- (1) Energy adjusted outstanding equity awards under existing stock plans, including outstanding stock options, to preserve the pre-spin-off intrinsic value of such awards. Accordingly, the number of shares of common stock underlying each option was increased by multiplying the number prior to the spin-off by 1.082524 and the exercise price was decreased by multiplying the exercise price prior to the spin-off by 0.923767.
  - (2) Not applicable.
  - (3) Does not include an additional 31,745 options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.

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